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Mr. Nick Surgey
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002150 and EPA-HQ-2018-004426

Dear Mr. Surgey:

This letter is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, which were dated October 3, 2017 and February 14, 2018. The FOIA requests sought the following records:

1. Records in possession of EPA Ethics Office staff...concerning any EPA political employee (including but not limited to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt) participating with any external organization/corporation (or individual person), including but not limited to invitations to speak at meetings, fundraising events, galas and other events. Records should include but are not limited to any requests/questions to EPA ethics regarding legal/ethical nature of proposed or actual actions by EPA political appointees; and
2. Records in the possession of EPA Ethics Office staff. Please provide all electronic records concerning any EPA political appointee (including but not limited to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt) travel.

In response to your two FOIA requests, EPA conducted its search based on the parameters that the parties agreed upon and processed the responsive records. EPA made five productions and released non-exempt information to you on the following dates:

May 3, 2019
June 7, 2019
June 27, 2019
August 23, 2019
October 15, 2019

EPA is withholding 23 records in full and 358 records in part under FOIA Exemption 6, Exemption 7(A), and Exemption 5's deliberative process, attorney-client and attorney work product privileges. 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5), (6), and 7(A). I have enclosed the final list of withholdings.

If you have any further questions regarding the two FOIA requests, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeremy Simon. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your FOIA requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justina Fugh", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Justina Fugh
Director, Ethics Office

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